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**THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO TEACHER  
LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS**

**Minutes**  
April 13, 2005

**Meeting Date and Location:** April 13, 2005  
Holiday Inn at I-64  
West Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia

**Committee Members Present:**

Thomas M. Jackson, Jr.	David L. Johnson
Debra Abadie	Linda W. Kelly
Phillip W. Wishon (for Doug Brown)	Betty Lambdin
Tom Shortt (for Nancy M. Davenport)	Gary Krapf (for Dan LaVista)
Jo Lynne DeMary	Delegate John S. Reid
William H. Graves, III	Ella P. Ward
Delores Creech (for Edgar B. Hatrick, III)	Ann Y. Williams
Betty Hobbs	

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Thomas M. Jackson, Jr., called to order the meeting of *The Special Committee of the Virginia Board of Education to Study and Make Recommendations Relative to Teacher Licensure Assessments*.

**OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME**

Mr. Thomas M. Jackson, Jr., made opening remarks, and welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting.

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**PRESENTATIONS FROM FOUR STATES AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

The following individuals from the states of North Carolina, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Maryland, made presentation on their states' perspectives on teacher licensure assessments. The committee members engaged in conversations with the representatives from the four states to learn about their states' assessment requirements.

**North Carolina**

***Jane P. Norwood***  
**Vice-Chair, North Carolina Board of Education**

**Massachusetts**

***Dr. Carol Gilbert***  
**Executive Director for Educator Preparation and  
Quality  
Massachusetts Department of Education**

**Ohio**

***Dr. Marilyn Troyer***  
**Associate Superintendent for the Teaching  
Profession  
Ohio Department of Education**

**Maryland**

***Dr. Louise A. Tanney***  
**Coordinator of Teacher and Principal  
Assessment  
Division of Certification and Accreditation  
Maryland State Department of Education**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

As a follow-up to the March 31, 2005, meeting Dr. Jo Lynne DeMary informed the committee members that in January 1995, the Board of Education voted to transition from the NTE to the Praxis Series Tests for initial licensure in Virginia. In addition, the board approved that Praxis I and II be required as the professional teacher's assessment for initial licensure in Virginia.

Dr. DeMary provided the committee members a summary of a survey sent to school divisions requesting the number of individuals who were not issued contracts this school year and the number anticipated for next school year due to failure to meet the Praxis I requirement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Linda Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 31, 2005, meeting as presented. Dr. Ella Ward seconded the motion that was passed unanimously.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individual spoke during public comment: Darryl P. Eley. In addition, a letter from Mrs. Kenneth M. Lancaster was disseminated to the committee members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.